**AUSKF Youth Development Training Program 2020**

**All Japan High School *Kaiseiki* (魁星旗) Tournament - Team Selection Process**

As we move into 2020, AUSKF Youth Development Committee will hold quarterly training camps in various locations throughout the US. The youth are the future of AUSKF and our goal is to create more opportunities for the youth to create new friendships while they strive to improve their kendo.

We have the set the following practice schedule open to all AUSKF members 21 years and under.

(must be AUSKF member to attend)

**EAST**

Date/Time: January 12 (Sun) 8:00am – 12:00pm (Gym opens at 7:30am)

Address: Palisades Park High School, 1 Veterans Plaza, Palisades Park, NJ 07650

**WEST**

Date/Time: January 18 (Sat) 1:00pm – 5:00pm (Gym opens at 12:30pm)

Address: Silverado Park, 1545 W 31st St, Long Beach, CA 90810

**WEST**

Date/Time: April 5 (Sun) 8:00am – 12:00pm (Gym opens at 7:30am)

Address: Marina High School, 15871 Springdale St, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

\*Will be held the day after the All US Junior Open (same location)

In addition, AUSKF has been invited to participate in the All Japan High School *Kaiseiki* Tournament, which will be held in Akita, Japan at the end of March 2020 (exact date TBA). More than 370 teams throughout Japan attend this “kachinuki” style team match, where the winner remains.

Five boys will be selected from the attendees of the above training camps in January 2020 to represent Junior Team USA. Those selected must meet the following requirements:

**Requirements and Notes:**

-Boys ages 16-17 years old as of March 25th, 2020.

-US Citizen or Permanent Resident with valid passport.

-Must be present in either East or West training camp scheduled in January 2020

-Available to travel to Akita, Japan end of March 2020 (approx. 1 week)

-Majority of travel expenses (airfare/hotel etc.) to Japan will be paid for the five selected players.

Training camps will be led and instructed by the Youth Development Committee, but we welcome all kodansha’s to join and help teach. Please help and spread the word!

AUSKF Youth Development

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